GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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IMPLEMENTATION OF RTI ACT
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to set up any committee to study the Right to Information (RTI) Act in a new perspective to plug the loopholes in the implementation of the RTI Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to know if the Central Information Commission (CIC) is serving the purpose for which it has been created;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the study; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the supply of information to the general public to make the RTI Act more meaningful?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS .(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : The Government has taken several steps to expedite the supply of information to the general public. These include training of the public information officers, publication of the particulars of the public information officers and the appellate authorities, disclosures of information under section 4 of the Act, creation of central points within the public authorities to receive applications and appeals, issuance of guidelines for the information seekers, public information officers, appellate authorities, public authorities, etc. Steps have also been taken to create awareness about the Act by holding seminars, workshops, conference etc at the State level also.